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1. On 1 December 1953, the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 60 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 21 November and 1 December, troops moved out, or marched out, toward Westwerk almost daily. On 21 November, 150 soldiers were trucked to the railroad station. On 22 November, 260 recruits marched into the installation. On 24 November, 40 soldiers with suitcases drove to the railroad station at 10:30 a.m., prime movers [redacted] a gun-barrel trailer, a trailer mount and 7 trucks which were occupied by 20 soldiers each moved out of the barracks installation. Between 26 and 30 November, 8 to 10 trucks, each occupied by about 18 soldiers and 2 Volkspolizei left the installation daily. 25X1
2. On 1 December, the Flak Kaserne was occupied and fully lighted at dusk. On 30 October, 12 AA guns moved out of the installation. No troops were seen departing. More than 100 officers from the Flak Kaserne, who had previously been quartered in other houses, were again quartered in the two officers' billets on Louque Strasse. No training activity was noticed. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified in the billeting area. 25X1
3. On 1 December, the Infanterie Kaserne was heavily occupied by a mortar unit. Soldiers were also quartered in the attic. Contrary to previous observations, the windows there were lighted at dusk. New soldiers had apparently arrived. 25X1
4. Between 17 and 21 November, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by about 80 to 100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. On 21 November, trucks [redacted] left the installation toward town and returned after about 20 minutes. The drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. 25X1
5. On 21 November, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 17 and 19 November, 40 to 50 soldiers practiced with carbines. On 21 November, 6 x 120-mm mortars and 2 x 37-mm AA guns were parked in the north section of the yard. Motor vehicles identified in traffic to and from the installation [redacted] 25X1

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6. On 21 November, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 450 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed. On 17 November, armored scout car [] was parked at the barracks gate. From 18 to 21 November, 2 or 3 trucks occupied by troops left the installation toward Magdeburg daily. The soldiers were equipped with carbines, submachine guns and blankets.

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7. On 21 November, the General-Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 900 to 1,000 troops. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia were seen. On 19 and 21 November, 2 prime movers were parked in the barracks yard. The garages were closed and guarded by a sentry. On various days during the period of observation, trucks with troops equipped with carbines, practice targets and signal equipment left the installation toward Goerden at irregular intervals.

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8. Between 22 and 25 November, no loadings or unloadings were observed at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station.

9. Between 15 and 25 November, the Flak Kaserne was almost occupied to capacity. No troops left the installation after the departure to Magdeburg-Bruckfeld of the heavy AT artillery. After 23 November, 50 soldiers were daily seen levelling the training grounds. The athletic equipment previously installed there was moved to another place. On 23 and 24 November, about 12 soldiers practiced with 2 x 57-mm AT guns.

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10. Between 15 and 18 November, about 20 carloads of coal passed through the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station, dispatched in Schwarz-Kolman(sic) and bound for Unit Buzynkin in Kirchmoeser.

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[] the heavy regiment of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) from the Flak Kaserne was transferred to Magdeburg at the end of October, taking along about 24 AT guns. According to the motor vehicle [] the guard detail in the Pioneer Kaserne belongs to the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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